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SUBJECT: US CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT

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1. SUMMARY: GOE OFFICIALS HAVE REQUESTED LIST OF CLAIMANTS, EVEN AN INCOMPLETE ONE, SO THAT THEY CAN BEGIN CHECKING WITH VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND BANKS. AT PRESENT THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF ANY PRIVATE US CLAIMS. IT NOW APPEARS CLAIMS WILL BE SEPARATED IN CATEGORIES OF THOSE DEALING WITH NATIONALIZATION, SEQUESTRATION AND AGRICULTURAL REFORM AND THOSE FALLING IN OTHER AREAS. LATTER, I.E. GOVT CLAIMS, WILL BE REFERRED TO MFA. AMBASSADOR WILL BE DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH FONMIN TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS CONCERNING PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY

2. POL/ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH UNDERSEC AHMED DEWIDAR AND MOHAMMED SUROR OF MIN/ECONM COOP FEB 23 TO INFORM THEM OF HUANG VISIT. DEWIDAR USED OCCASION ONCE AGAIN TO ASK FOR A LIST OF CLAIMANTS SAYING THAT HIS OFFICE HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON FILE CONCERNING CLAIMS FROM US NATIONALS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, HE SAID, TO HAVE EVEN LIMITED INFORMATION CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS SO THAT SOME CHECKING COULD BE DONE WITH VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND BANKS BEFORE HUANG'S ARRIVAL. IT WOULD TAKE TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS TO ESTABLISH RUDIMENTARY INFORMATION ON GOE SIDE WHICH WOULD

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BE HELPFUL IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS.

3. DURING MEETING DEWIDAR INDICATED THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD ONLY BE HANDLING CLAIMS GROWING OUT OF NATIONALIZATION, SEQUESTRATION AND AGRICULTUREAL REFORM. THIS IS A POINT HE HAD NOT MADE IN EARLIER CONVERSATIONS. WHEN ASKED HOW OTHER CLAIMS, PARTICULARLY GOVERNMENTAL CLAIMS WOULD BE HANDLED. HE SAID THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO MFA.

4. SUROR MENTIONED OTHER NATIONS WITH WHICH GOE HAD MADE CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS, SAYING THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH "SOME 15-16 COUNTRIES". HE SAID GOE WAS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH TURKEY AND THAT LATTER HAD TEAM OF 10 PERSONS HEADED BY AN AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO FOR THE PAST 40 DAYS. NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKS WOULD BE GOING ON FOR SOME TIME. SUROR SAID THAT IN DEALING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, CLAIMS ARISING FROM NATIONALIZATION, SEQUESTRATION AND AGRICULTURAL REFORM, HAD BEEN HANDLED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. HE MENTIONED THAT IT WAS NOT USUAL PROCEDURE TO MAKE LUMP SUM PAYMENT. HOWEVER, BRITISH HAD WORKED OUT A SETTLEMENT ON A LUMP SUM BASIS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO COUNSELOR'S QUESTION CONCERNING PAST PROCEDURES FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO NATIONALIZATION, SEQUESTRATION AND AGRICULTURAL REFORM, SUROR SAID EVERY SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN ARRIVED AT THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WHICH WAS "SUBMITTED TO PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT FOR RATIFICATION". WHEN ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY SETTLEMENT ALONG MORE INFORMAL LINES, BOTH DEWIDAR AND SUROR RESPONDED THAT IT HAD BEEN DONE THIS WAY IN EVERY INSTANCE. QUERIED WHETHER THERE HAD EVER BEEN SITUATIONS IN WHICH PRIVATE CLAIMS AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS HAD BEEN DEALT WITH SIMULTANEOUSLY, DEWIDAR DID NOT RESPOND SPECIFICALLY, BUT SAID THAT "A REFERENCE COULD BE MADE TO OTHER MATTERS, SUCH AS GOVERNMENT CLAIMS, IN LANGUAGE OF FINAL AGREEMENT".

6. DEWIDAR'S AND SUROR'S COMMENTS MAKE IT APPARENT OUR NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DUAL TRACKED. DEWIDAR ENVISAGES JOINT CLAIMS COMMITTEE AS DEALING ONLY WITH ASPECTS IN WHICH HE WILL BE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME MEANS WITHIN MFA CONTEXT FOR HANDLING S/S BRIDGEHAMPTON, S/S AFRICAN GLEN AND OTHER SUCH GOVT CLAIMS. GIVEN SITUATION NOW SET FORTH BY DEWIDAR, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE DIFFICULTY IN TRYING TO DEAL WITH PRIVATE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIAL CLAIMS IN ANY SORT OF SINGLE PACKAGE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO LINK TWO TYPES OF CASES AND WORK FOR A LUMP SUM SETTLEMENT SHOULD THIS SEEM ADVANTAGEIOUS TO US. IT WILL MEAN USING PROCEDURE FOR WHICH THERE APPARENTLY IS NO PRECEDENT HERE. WE WILL CHECK WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN BRITISH EMBASSY TO SEE HOW, IF AT ALL, THEY HANDLED THIS ASPECT OF SITUATION. AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO MENTION MATTER OF OFFICIAL CLAIMS TO FONMIN FAHMY IN NEXT DAY OR TWO TO ALERT MFA TO HUANG VISIT

AND TO EXPLORE WITH THEM HOW WE MAY PROCEED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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